

N.D.A.G. Letter to Johnson (Aug. 4, 1986)

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Mr. Dennis E. Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of July 18, 1986, concerning operation of motor vehicles by persons 14 and 15 years old under N.D.C.C. § 39-06-17(3).

As you had suggested in your letter, this subject has been raised and dealt with by this office in a previous letter to the state highway patrol superintendent. A copy of a May 5, 1983, letter to the highway patrol superintendent, which deals with your inquiry in question no. 6, is enclosed.

As you can see, ignoring the wisdom of whether or not 14 and 15 year olds should be able to drive at any desired time, the specifics of the statute in question do not restrict the driving privileges extended to 14 and 15 year olds with respect to times of day nor purposes for which the driving is conducted.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Spaeth

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Enclosure